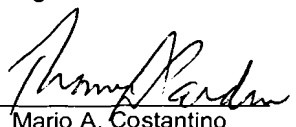
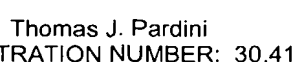


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, sec 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/030,822 |
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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP99/03862 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 16, 1999 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED |
| TITLE OF INVENTION EXPOSURE METHOD AND SYSTEM | | |
| APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Takashi AOKI et al. | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | |
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). | | |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. | | |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) | | |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). | | |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. | | |
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| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). | | |
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| Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: | | |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. | | |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. | | |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. | | |
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| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. | | |
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| 17. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic National fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO\$890.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR1.482)\$710.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2))\$740.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO\$1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)\$ 100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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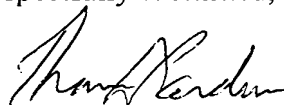
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